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[54] **BIODEGRADABLE MOLDABLE SURGICAL MATERIAL**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A moldable biodegradable surgical material is made of a bioabsorbable polymer derived from hydroxyacids, tactones, carbonates, etheresters, anhydrides, orthoesters and copolymers, terpolymers and/or blends thereof, the polymer blended with at least one surface active agent selected from the group consisting of fatty acid ester and poly(oxypropylene)/poly(oxyethylene) block copolymer. In one embodiment, a leaching agent is blended with the above-mentioned surgical material. Methods of making moldable biodegradable surgical material are provided. The surgical material may be used as a moldable bone wax in connection with repair of wounds and is an adaptable aid for any appropriate surgical use, e.g., hemostat, anchor, patch etc.

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